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SUBJECT: FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER'S VISIT TO
WASHINGTON

1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH ON NOVEMBER 10, ROTH MENTIONED A NUMBER OF TOPICS WHICH HE PLANS TO RAISE ON NOVEMBER 18 WHEN HE IS IN WASHINGTON. MBFR WILL BE THE MAIN ALTHOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVE FOCUS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. ON THE QUESTION OF VERIFICATION, ROTH REMINDED US THAT THE FRG IS STILL WAITING FOR US COMMENTS ON THE FRG PRESENTATION MADE IN WASHINGTON LAST JULY. ROTH SAID THE FRG DOES NOT INTEND TO PROCEED FURTHER ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT HAS THE USG REACTION. AS FOR THE NEED FOR WESTERN INITIATIVES ON VERIFICATION IN VIENNA, ROTH VOICED HIS BELIEF THAT THERE IS STILL TIME BEFORE ANYTHING NEW HAS TO BE DONE. ROTH STATED THERE WAS NO PRESSURE ON THIS SUBJECT YET. MOREOVER, HE CONTINUED, IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO BURDEN NATO WITH VERIFICATION QUESTIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ALLIANCE POSITION ON OPTION III IS RESOLVED.

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2. ROTH SAID IT IS NOT HIS INTENTION TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IN EITHER THE GUIDANCE OR POSITION PAPERS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE FRG HAVE BEEN APPROVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. ROTH SAID HE IS INTERESTED IN TRYING TO DEFINE THE REAL ISSUES WHICH SEPARATE OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID HE HOPES TO LEARN WASHINGTON VIEWS AS TO THE GOALS TO BE SERVED BY THE GUIDANCE AND POSITION PAPERS. HE SAID HIS RECENT TALK IN LONDON -- PRESUMABLY ROTH WAS ALSO IN LONDON ON OCTOBER 29 WITH RUTH AND TANDECKI -- LED HIM TO BELIEVE THAT THE PAPERS ARE VIEWED DIFFERENTLY IN DIFFERENT CAPITALS.

3. ROTH ALSO WISHES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON TIMING QUESTIONS. HE WILL ALSO RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE TACTICS PAPER, EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT SUCH A PAPER MIGHT BE NECESSARY ONCE THE GUIDANCE AND POSITION PAPERS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED.

4. FINALLY, AMBASSADOR ROTH SAID HE ALSO WANTS TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES OF CW AND NAPALM. ROTH DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT HIS CONCERNS WERE ON THESE TWO QUESTIONS. HILLENBRAND

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